

**United States Embassy Lusaka, Zambia**  
**Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Abduction of Child in Lusaka**  
**May 29, 2014**

The U.S. Embassy has received a report that on Thursday, May 29, a two-year-old girl was abducted in the Arcades area of Lusaka. The girl is a dependent child of a non-U.S. government diplomat.

The Zambian police are actively investigating the kidnapping. At this time we have no information regarding a motivation for the abduction. We have no indication of any specific threat to the U.S. citizen community or the diplomatic community at large.

The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens to take precautions to ensure your personal security. U.S. citizens should keep all vehicle doors locked and windows closed when driving and remain aware of your surroundings especially after dark and whenever approaching chokepoints. If you notice a vehicle following you or any other suspicious activity, do not drive home, but proceed to a police station or well-lit public area.

Please contact the local police and notify the U.S. Embassy if you are a victim of a crime. The local equivalent to the “911” emergency line in Zambia is 999. Police response, particularly outside major cities, may be delayed due to a lack of vehicles and other resources.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Zambia enroll in the [Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](http://www.Travel.State.Gov) at [www.Travel.State.Gov](http://www.Travel.State.Gov). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy to contact you in an emergency. If you don’t have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy.

Regularly monitor the State [Department's website](http://www.State.gov), where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for Zambia](#). For additional information, refer to the [“Traveler’s Checklist”](#) on the State Department’s website.

Contact the U.S. Embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Lusaka is located on Ibex Hill and is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Consular Section can be contacted at 0211-357-000 or via email at [ACSLusaka@state.gov](mailto:ACSLusaka@state.gov). If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +260 (0) 966-877-805.**